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(*b*) whether he is aware that these instructions go far beyond the recommendations of the Ramnad Committee, and are directly contrary to an assurance which Government has repeatedly given to the effect that it is not their policy to compete with private enterprise?

A.—(*a*) (i) Yes.
(ii) Yes, to officers of the Public Works Department.
(*b*) No. The Ramnad Committee recommended that 'slack' periods of work should be avoided by keeping the labour and machinery working at full capacity as far as possible by a steady and continuous influx of orders.

Mr. H. F. P. HEARSON:—"May I ask the hon. Minister if Government will give this matter further consideration with a view to modifying their departmental orders and bringing them within the terms of the recommendations of the Ramnad Committee?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"As a matter of fact, the circular mentioned in clause (*b*) of the question, is within the scope of the Ramnad Committee recommendations."

Mr. H. F. P. HEARSON:—"May I ask the hon. the Minister whether the Ramnad Committee recommended that such work should be given to the Public Works Department *irrespective of cost*, if not, whether the departmental orders are within the terms of the Committee's recommendations?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I want notice."

Cooum river improvement scheme.

* 84 *Q.*—Mr. T. SUNDARA RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred out of the grant of Rs. 1·40 lakhs sanctioned by the Legislative Council for the Cooum Improvement Scheme within the Madras City limits in the years 1928–29 and 1929–30;

(*b*) whether the sea water pumping has been suspended this year during the summer months even when the water in the river was below the level fixed by the Government for sanitary purposes; if so, why;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that even at that level the river was emitting bad smell; and

(*d*) whether any dredgers have been at work in the Cooum or Buckingham canal within the City limits in the past, and, if so, with what results?

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A.—(*a*)	1928–29	1,21,747
	1929–30	Nil.

(*b*) Yes. No pumping could be done this year as work on the diversion of the pipe line on the foreshore in connexion with the remodelling of the Beach Railway Station and the diversion of the Springhaven road was under execution by the South Indian Railway Company.

(*c*) No. The Executive Engineer reports that no bad smell was noticed by him during his inspection and that he received no complaints.

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(*d*) Attempts were made to dredge the Buckingham Canal in 1896 and 1917. On both occasions the attempts proved failures owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing in the canal.

In 1904 the Executive Engineer, Chingleput division, made an experiment with a dredger on the Cooum in removing the slush and soft mud along the toe of the slip near Government House and found that the working of the dredger was unsatisfactory and costly.

Registration

Opening of new sub-registrars' offices in South Kanara.

*85 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the representations made by the South Kanara District Advancement Association regarding the necessity for opening new sub-registry offices when the hon. Minister for Public Health visited Mangalore last year; and if so,

(*b*) what action do the Government propose to take in this matter?

A.—The District Advancement Association, South Kanara, urged the need for the opening of Sub-Registry Offices at Kadaba, Badiadka or Perdala, Nileshwar and Shirva. The Government have issued orders introducing, temporarily, the itinerating system of registry at Kadaba. On account of the present financial stringency, proposals in respect of the other places will be considered in connexion with the budget for 1932-33.

Veterinary

Starting a buffalo-breeding station either in Vizagapatam or East Godavari district.

*86 *Q.*—Mr. A. Harischandrudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether he has considered or is considering the desirability of starting in Vizagapatam or East Godavari district, a buffalo-breeding station as at Guntur?

A.—A buffalo-breeding station was started in 1918 at Samalkot. Buffaloes of the local breed were used. The experiment was not a success. The station was closed in 1922 and another was opened at Guntur. Delhi buffaloes are used for breeding.

No proposal for starting a buffalo-breeding station in Vizagapatam or East Godavari is under consideration.

Education

Representation of Chittoor District Teacher-Managers' Association, District Educational Council.

*87 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received resolutions from the Chittoor District Teacher-Managers' Association, requesting representation of that association in the Chittoor District Educational Council;